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SUBJECT: GISCARD VISIT ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR GAMMON

1. RE TELECON, PLEASE CONFIRM TO ELYSEE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE RE ANNOUNCEMENT OF GISCARD VISIT. IN WHITE HOUSE NOON PRESS BRIEFING, WE WOULD MAKE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT:

"THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND MADAME GISCARD D'ESTAING HAVE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES DURING MAY 17-20, 1976. THIS VISIT DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE UNITED STATES' 200TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATES FRANCE'S CONTRIBUTION AS AMERICA'S OLDEST FRIEND AND FIRST ALLY AND SYMBOLIZES THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND AMERICAN PEOPLES."

2. GOF WOULD THEN BE FREE TO RELEASE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, AS IT DESIRES. WE PROPOSE SEPTEMBER 10 OR 11 AS RELEASE DATES, BUT WOULD ALSO AGREE TO EARLIER RELEASE, IF GOF PREFERS.

3. PLEASE CONFIRM ELYSEE'S AGREEMENT TO ABOVE PROCEDURES
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ASAP, BEARING IN MIND NEED FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE DATE.

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